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A Base Ball Story
Christy Mathewson

CHAPTER XV. The Lowell Reporter.

a week, and in it was printed all the played in a drizzle of rain, the ball was ments of various kinds. The advertising Fielders had tumbled over themselves columns furnished an opportunity for a chasing balls over the wet grass, and couple of young hustlers to earn enough money soliciting advertisements to keep The paper was edited entirely by the

students, under the watchful eye of the faculty, and especially of Prof. Bennett, assistant teacher of English, and of errors, enabled the visitors to pile up many years' experience as a newspaper five runs, while the Lowell team was dowriter and editor. He also had under his direct supervision a small class in fournalism, a department which had but game was ours, but this is the way Tim's recently been founded. The university report of parts looked in the Reporter the let the students' committee publish the paper themselves, i. e., to get it ready his inspiration led him into a new kind and then just before being printed, Prof. of Peport, Here it is: Lowell, 7; Barber, 5.



to be sure that nothing contrary to the policy of the university was published, and, once in a while, to curb the enthusiasm of this or that writer, when he allowed his imagination to prepare any article that was not in keeping with the

dignity of the institution. Timothy Murnine, a young Irish lad of American parentage, was one of the with a dewdrop which Wilson picked off did what was expected of the pitcher. two fellows who kept themselves in col- the grass too late to shut the door on What is expected of a pitcher at bat? lege by hustling for advertisements for either Gibble, Everson or Delvin, was I don't get that." rter. Timothy's one am was to be the owner and editor of a big seats at table were occupied. city newspaper, and his job of hustling | The big German lad leaned gently for advertisements was the best start he against the leather apple and knocked it

the Reporter, Tim added to his many and sixth spasms neither side got a lookduties, by request of the student body, in, although three hopefuls from each fiv). Everson dropped one in front of the job of reporting all the sporting college went boldly to the front, only to the rubber (a bunt; I am getting on splenevents of the college. This didn't give be cut down in their youth before cross- didly again). Gibble annexing the keyhim a chance to indulge in any of the ing the Rubicon. ful knowledge of all the college sports, foot ball, base ball basket ball, track work and everything. In base ball he work and everything. In base ball he was particularly fit. Like all good healthy tonsorial artists made the Lowell hair out touching anything." said Tim. boys in this country he loved the great stand up. Hughie sent the Infant in for American game of base ball. He loved a piece of the pie. Jones, the first shaver have been caught, but no one got there

as he would say in talking about the waited patiently, and as the Babe couldn't ability of this or that great player. He could give you off-hand the records of all the great college teams in the country for twenty years back, and the individual fitness of almost every player. He had them all on his finger tips and his will be decause Knight was so near, with the door on the walked. Wilson hit a slow one to Johnny, which he came in on and rolled around the sod, while Jones, Knight and the seats at table were occupied (bases all full, eh?) The big German wilson perched on the salt bags. Hughie leather apple (leaned against the ball. Do reports of the games at college were filled wigwagged the infield to come close, so they could hear the song of the Whirling with items, showing that this first base-man acted like old Pop Anderson, yonder Sphere and join in the chorus. Amberg (over the fence), shaking the tree for for pitcher reminded him of Russell, or some binged one which knocked the wind out young catcher threw down to second like of Hagner's organ and Johnny picked up Charley Burnett, or that so and so stood

Once in a while Tim surpassed himself. music. and his report of a dull and uninteresting Jonesy and the Utter Darkness beat a game was many times more exciting and fast tattoo on the base lines and disap-

minor colleges, all of them preparator; to the bigger games toward the close of the season. Lowell had had a rather easy time of it up to the fourth inning, at The Lowell Reporter was the college which time the score stood 7 to 0 in fathe university. It appeared once vor of the varsity. The game had been wet, the grounds slippery and errors were the rule instead of the exception. players who had attempted the fall-away slide would hardly be recognized on account of their mud-stained uniforms. In the seventh, eighth and ninth in

> nings Miner had given way to Babe, as the game looked safe, and Babe had an off day, for Barber secured six hits in the three innings, which, mixed with the ing nothing in the tally line. The game ended, however, with Low

ell still two runs to the good and the next day after he had reduced his idea of

Jones, one of the big family, the first to swing the willow for the enemy, pushed a grass cutter to Hagner, who relayed it to the custodian of the first salt meridian and Bibble pocketed it on the must have gotten it and put Honus out, return trip. Wilson stung the pellet to if it went as a sacrifice), Delvin navigated Robbville, which Ty annexed without to second (advanced to second) and the

Ross launched a Lusitania to Amberg which broke down in midocean. Everson loafed around the rubber for four misfits and got them. Little Arthur stung a beauty over the near station, which took him to the first stop and opened the switches for Everson's run to the middle junction, Hagner bumped a daisy scorchto second and the Human Crab breezed against the first groove cutter and the horsehide stamped his initials on the clubhouse flagpole, while he almost beat Everson and Little Arthur to the water Everson and Little Arthur to the water cooler after his circle of the bags. Mr. made a home run and brought home Talkington while waiting on four was Everson and Delvin. Better improve that chased with three, and Larke sent one one a little). singing to the curve box, which the slab artist tossed to the initial sack ahead of

Second Inning.

one-timer back of Wilson. Ross arched one to Knight. Everson dropped one in front of the rubber, Gibble annexing the keystone bag. Little Arthur was there slid into the vacant chairs and all the

could have made in that direction if he out of the orchard, shaking the tree for four more juicy ones for Lowell. Ty Besides attending to his studies and fouled to Bowerman. Three out. Score, Oh, yes, third). Gibble got a one-getting most of the advertisements for 7—0. After that for the third, fourth, fifth base hit back of third base (very plain).

Seventh Inning.

In the stand-up session, however, the of the sky and lights on the grass withthe for the same reason that millions of up, swung the sign on a drop and raised in time. Wilson picked it up too late to shut the game from "soup to nuts"

The fellow with the case of the pie. Jones, the first shaver have been caught, but no one got there in time. Wilson picked it up too late to shut the door on either Gibbie, Everson the game from "soup to nuts". the sphere and heaved it at the Barber up to the bat like old Dan Brewers or band which was sitting back of Gibbie behind the screen to make them join the

notes, which Wheeler tried to reach in mison with him, but couldn't. Wilson, who had reached third while the loud pedal was open, was lulled to sleep by he sweet strains and caught napping by Gibble. Dorner sent a whistler out to Talkington, who muffed it, and the singing practice was over. Score, 7-2.

The report of the game went on in this style to the end. Tim had discovered a new language and he was proud of his why pie?) effort. When he had finished he turned in his copy. A few minutes after he reached home he was called to the telephone. It was Prof. Bennett speaking and he asked Tim if he could come around and see him right away. He had something to talk with him about. When he reached the professor's office he found him sitting with a puzzled expression looking at some manuscript which Tim thought was his.

'I don't quite understand this. I supose it is a report of the base ball game with Barber yesterday?" "That's it," said Tim. "Don't you think

"Have they changed the base ball terms recently? I hadn't heard of it. If not, and this is only an original way of yours of reporting what took place at the game, I'm afraid that we will have to dispense with it. I'm afraid that coming out as it does with the O. K. of the department of English, the Lowell reporter will be dis-credited among the alumni."

"I hope you won't cut it out," said Tim "Yesterday's game was mostly a one-sided and dull affair, and I thought I'd iven it up a bit by putting some spirit "Well, but the words and terms you use

are not understandable.

"I think you are mistaken, professor about that. I think even the smallest boy who knows anything at all about base ball could understand perfectly what

at the beginning you say, Jones, one of the big family (I can understand that). first to swing the willow for the enemy, etc., what do you mean by that? asked the professor. "Well," answered Tim, "the bat is made of willow; the Barber nine is our

enemy for the time being. A grass cutter is a ball that is rolled swiftly over the grass. Jones hit a ground ball to shortstop, who picked it up and threw it to "Good," said the professor. "Now, let's see the rest of it. Knight hit a sun-scraper into meridian and Gibbie pock-

eted it on the return trip." "Perfectly plain, professor." said Tim. 'A high building is a skyscraper; then a high ball might be a sunscraper. The meridian is directly overhead, isn't it? Then this ball that Knight hit went straight up in the air, very high. Gibbie,

the catcher, caught it easily when it came take the next line. Wilson stung the pel "That means," continued Tim, "that Wilson hit the ball hard to right field, where Tyrus Robb plays, and hit it absolutely into his hands. He didn't have to leave his office means he didn't have to

begin to be interested in your new style of English. It seems all right if you have a key handy. Are you going to furnish a glossary of terms with each of your reports after this, Murnin? Suppose we go on. Now, then, you say, Ross launched a Lusitania to Amwhich broke down in midocean. possible connection can there be between a fast liner and a ball game?" "You have it. Fine! Don't you see how quickly the meaning comes to you when ou get a start? Lusitania-a fast liner

-launched to Amberg-went straight for im, broke down in midocean-it stopped when it got to Amberg, who stopped it.' "Good! Now, let's see if I can figure it out myself. Everson loafed (waited) around the rubber (the plate) for four misfits (four balls, I guess). Little Arthur (must be Delvin) stung a beauty (a good one) over the near station-near sta-



fubber " - XY him to the first stop (first base) and opened the switches for Everson's (Let me see! Where was Everson? Oh, yes, he got a base on balls and was on first) run to the middle station (Everson got to second). Honus bumped a daisy scorcher (Now, what's a daisy scorcher, Tim?)---"A low ball-not one rolling on the

ground, but a little raised; about as high as the daisy blossoms." "Good, Honus bumped a daisy scorcher to Jones, which the latter pickled (he Human Crab breezed to third (who's the Crab? Let me see, he must have been on second. Do you call Everson the Human

Crab?).

"Yes." said Tim. "This is the situation now, isn't it Everson on third, Delvin on second. All right, now let's see what happened." "Ty swung his trusty locust (I thought it was a willow) against the first groove cutter (let me see, that must mean a ball put over the plate) and the horsehide (ball) stamped his initials on the clubhouse flag-pole (the ball must have hit the flag-pole, eh?) and Ty almost beat cooler (that's almost too plain, Tim. Ty

"I think it will average up," said Tim. "Let's see what happened in the second inning," went on the professor. "Barber College goes to bat now, doesn't it? Amberg hit one over the shortest route to Everson (that must be a straight line hit). Wheeler spun three times and sat down (spun what? I don't get that).' "When a fellow strikes at a ball hard

and misses he generally spins around, said Tim. "Wheeler misred three strikes Two Persons Killed and Three Hurt which he tried very hard to hit.' "I see," said the professor, "and Dorner did the same. So Black struck over two in succession, eh? "Black (was Black the first man up? "Pitchers generally bat poorly. struck out," said Tim.

"Oh, I see. Gibble is Gibbie got a one-timer (that's a onebase hit, I guess) back of Wilson (let me see, where does Wilson play? Ross arched one to Knight (an arching stone bag (Gibble got to second), Little Arthur was there with a dewdrop (dewdrop? What's a dewdrop, Tim?")

"A attle fly ball that comes down out "Oh, I see, it was a little fly that should or Delvin (couldn't prevent them from what?) who slid into the vacant chairs (did he want to shut the door on the (bases all full, eh?) The big German lad (Hagner) leaned gently against the leather apple (leaned against the ball. Do you call Hagner's style of hitting lean-ing?) and knocked it out of the orchard more julcy ones (you mean four more runs) for Lowell. Ty fouled to Bowman. Three out (why such ordinary English? After that for the third, fourth, fifth and sixth spasms (innings) neither side got a look-in (very ordinary, Tim), although three hopefuls from each college went

"Gave us a scare," explained Tim.
"Hughie sent the Infant in (Infant?)"
"Radams," said Tim, "his nickname is Babe." "Oh, of course, the Infant." went on the professor. "Hughle sent the Infant in for a piece of pie (Piece of pie, "Well, the game was easy, and Hughle

wanted to give Babe a little practical ex-"I see," said the professor; "very good. indeed; we will continue. Jones, the first shaver (he must have been a Barber man), swung the sign (the sign?).

"Yes, the sign-the barber pole—the stick—the bat." "Oh, yes, very good; swung the sign on a drop (drop ball) and raised it over Arthur's study box (study box-do you mean-of course, you mean he raised it over Delvin's head) for a single. The fellow with the after 6 p.m. name (let me think. Guess you'll have to help me again, Tim.")

'Read a little further," said Tim.

'The fellow with the after 6 p.m. name waited patiently, and, as the Babe couldn't see the plate because Knight was near (oh, yes, I see, his name was Knight; very good, indeed; Babe couldn't see the plate, ha! he walked.) Wilson hit a slow one to Johnny, which he came in on and rolled around the sod (Everson must have fumbled) while Jones, Knight and Wilson perched on the salt bags (very ordinary that last) Hughie wigwagged (signaled) the infield to come, close so they could hear the song of the Whirling Sphere and join in the chorus.



Amberg binged (must mean hit) one which knocked the wind out of Honus' organ (the ball hit Hagner in the stomach, I should say, from reading that), Johnny picked up the sphere (ball) and heaved it at the Barber band sitting back of Gibbie behind the screen t make them join in the music (he threw wild and high past Gibbie) and Jonesy and the Utter Darkness (Utter Dark-Oh, yes, Knight again) beat a fast tattoo on the base line and disappeared over the horizon to the visitors' bench after their final journey toward the west (now if I understand that, it means Jones and Knight both scored and went and sat down on the bench with their fellow-players). Is that the Chess idea?

"It is," said Tim. "Well, we'd better finish this inning bie), was lulled to sleep by the sweet division. strains (was so delighted that he got careless) and was caught napping by Gibbie (Gibbie caught him off third base). Gibbie sent a whirler (a fast one) out to l'alkington, who muffled it (do you mean that muffled the whistle) and the singing practice was over.

Score, 7 to 2. thought it wouldn't do at all, but there seems to be something about this new language of yours which makes the report of a ball game quite interesting, and I shall therefore let the story go in the Reporter. I wish, however, that you would write out a classroom copy of one asks questions of me.'

Tim did this, but the report of the game as it appeared in the Reporter was so much of a puzzle that it created a dis-turbance. The principal trouble was that the members of the faculty failed to look at the matter in the same light that Prof. Bennett had, and they decided that future games should be reported in the

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

BOWLING BATTLES.

THE "FANS" DUCKPIN LEAGUE. Tigers. .. 87 86 s.. 77 77 sey 86 96 White Sox. T Whit'lsey 92 83 101 Shreve... McQuinn. 78 102 89 Gibbons... 102 89 Gibbons.. 85 86 Sigourney Totals., 271 270 276 Totals., 250 259 260

Randle Highlands Wins.

base ball team wrested victory from the team from the Twining School by a score of 10 to 6. The score by innings

Twining School.... 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 3 0-6 Randle Highlands... 0 0 0 5 0 2 0 3 0-10 The batteries were Warren and Meade, and

AUTOMOBILE HITS CARRIAGE.

in Kansas Town. STERLING, Kan., March 28.-Two persons were killed and three injured yes-

Bertha Mossman. The injured are Oren Fix, Jay Johnson and Mabel Wilkins. All were in the automobile. The four occupants of the buggy escaped serious injury. One horse's leg was broken and it was shot.

Boat Overturns, Two Drown.

MARBLEHEAD, Mass., March 28 .-Fred L. Chase, aged thirty, and Frank spirited games, trapping McCormick out Ballard, fifty, both of Marblehead, were of a piece in the middle game. The drowned by the overturning of a small printing office player mixed it up in an boat in which a party of four was re- attempt to get even, but Zapoleon was turning from Tinkers Island to Marblehead never in danger and eventually won a Neck early today. The other two men smart game.

Eight Hurt in Car Crash.

tarted after making a stop at the bot-om of a hill. The second car, which was beyond control, crashed into the first car, throwing passengers right and left.

Weston Making Good Time.

stand-up session (oh, yes, seventh inning), however; the tonsorial artists (good, the Barbers) made the Lowell hair stand up (L don't get that one)."

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including Coach Stagg of Chicago, were for retaining the forward pass, and Pennsylvania was also in favor of its reten-But even the supporters of the

Other eastern members of the committee favored its restriction to use behind they did not see how it was possible to afford proper protection for the defensive ends and tackles on the pass over the line of scrimmage. As it was, the purpose in changing the rules so as to better safeguard the players against chance of serious injuries on the forward pass over the line of scrimmage was opposed.

sion at the next meeting of the committee to be held at the University Club, Philadelphia, April 29. Once the forward pass question is settled, other desirable changes affecting the style of game will be formulated and other minor matters and details may be worked out. From rules committeemen will work out their ideas on the foot ball field and be better prepared to vote finally for the adoption of the proposed changes that will con-

Dr. Eliot Approves Changes.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 28 .- Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president (emeritus) of Harvard University, who has been one of the foremost agitators against the game of foot ball as it has been played the past few years during his term of office, is warm in his approval of the suggested changes for the game on the part of the foot ball rules committee. "It is plain to see that these rules are marked improvements," he said last night. "They ought to make the game of foot ball tolerably safe. I say tolerably because it is impossible to make foot ball absolutely safe for the players. These new rules should make it possible for a man to play foot ball through the three years allowed in college without being seriously hurt. This was impossible under the former rules. My chief objections to foot ball were the certain cheating elements that were in the game. They were partly eliminated by the for-mer change in the rules and still more so

EXCITING GAMES IN LOCAL CHESS TOURNEYS

Interior Teams in Lead With Possibility of Ties—World's Champion Coming.

League was played during the cent are as follows: finished are concerned, did not cause any anyhow. Babe got himself in tune by changes in the standing of ...e leading Government Printing Office vs this time (you mean he got in harmony teams in either of the two divisions. Some with the requirements of his job. I sup- of the games had to be adjourned, how pose), and whanged out three high but perfect notes (he sent up three good balls) which Wheeler tried to reach in their positions. The Interior teams are unison with him (Wheeler tried to hit still leading in both divisions, and it is unison with him (Wheeler tried to hit still leading in both divisions, and it is each of them), but couldn't (in other more than probable that they will land words Wheeler struck out), Wilson, who the prizes, nevertheless so close is the had reached third while the loud pedal scoring that it is yet possible that Wartion? (Oh, yes! Third base) which took was open (let's see, Wilson had got to Navy may tie with the A team and that first on Johnny's error. Then this must both Agriculture and Government Printmean he got around to third when ing Office may catch up with the B team. Johnny made the wild throw past Gib- thus bringing about a triple tie in the B

Division A Matches.

Unusual interest was manifested in the muffed? Oh, no, I see, he caught it and the two leaders in the A division. It pleted at the first sitting. Board 1 was "I think that is about all I can hope to contested by Walker (white) and Sournin (black), and the play of these two well known experts was followed by the usual interested gallery. The District champion was on this occasion called upon to defend had dropped when he had become in- Walker's queen's gambit, and in doing so terested. "When I first saw this I adopted a somewhat irregular course. which, however, proved to be no disad vantage. Both sides developed rapidly, neither taking time to castle. In the course of a complicated game it was hard to choose between the rival forces, al though it appeared at one time that Sournin had a position that promised to yield the report in plain English, so that I a tangible advantage, but Walker fully hours' play the game was adjourned in a critical end stage. Each side has a knight and five pawns, but Walker has a commanding center and it will be rather difficult to stop his pawns.

Pratt Aberrates.

Despite its mathematical accuracy in about the game of chess which permits of a surprise being sprung at any mo-Adair on board 2 furnished a good example of this. The Interior was set to defend a Spanish opening, which he did E. S. Glascock, Interior..... 4 with great skill, so much so, in fact, that B. P. Entrikin, G. P. O...... 51/2 after the game had become well advanced Adair was a pawn down and his attack had been beaten off. Pratt now assumed the offensive, and his onslaught had every appearance of being successfu! when he became the victim of one of those hallucinations which occasionally attack even the best of players. There is a coup de grace in chess known

as "smothered mate." It is, in lact, one of the prettiest ways imaginable of bring ing about an opponent's downfall, and more so because it is very rarely indeed that an oportunity offers to put it into In a tightly contested battle yes- effect. Pratt on this occasion thought he terday afternoon the Randle Highlands could force a smothered mate in about four moves, involving the sacrifice of the queen. But when he got through Adair's king was smothered, it is true, but not mated, and Pratt's queen was off the board! The singular thing about this was that several bystanders were of the same opinion as Pratt about the combination and none of them saw that Adair had a knight that effectually put a stop to the smothering process. Pratt, of course gracefully resigned at this point. Boykin and Webster having postponed heir game, the remaining board was oc-

cupied by Byler and Snell, who had an interesting queen's gambit, Byler accepting the pawn. As a consequence onell developed a powerful center, and the Interior played was forced to exercise extreme care to avoid disaster. He has so far terday when an automobile collided with succeeded in doing this at the expense of a cramped position on the king's side, and The dead are Wylie Lloyd and Miss the game stands adjourned with Snell HARVARD'S SPRING FOOT BAL pressing the attack.

G. P. O. Beats Agriculture. The other A division match turned out

to be an even set-to between Government Printing Office and Agriculture. It was anybody's contest until a late hour, when the printers captured the last game and won by 21/2 to 11/2 points.

Zapoleon on board 1 played one of his Arends played a capital Ruy Lopez against Huntington on board 2, and soon

had enough in hand to win, which evened the score. Graham and Roberts battled to a draw on board 3, although the for-KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 28.—Eight mer should have won, as he was a clear rook ahead at one time, but he ahowed rook ahead at one time. rear-end collision between two crowded Roberts to slip into a drawing position. street cars on the Swope Parkway line Thus the score was still even, and it reyesterday. The most seriously injured mained for Lund, who was substituting s Benjamin Ganz. One car had just the printing office by scoring a clever win from Hitchcock.

Division B Teams.

BARDA Mo., March 28.-Edward onized Agriculture. The interest natural- graduate this spring. game was many times more exciting and enjoyable than the game itself. Such a game was the one that the first named match, as the part over the horizon to the visitors' in their youth before crossing the Rubi-con (you are giving out, Tim; this isn't here the spent the night. The team had been going along well in the half dozen or more games which had been played with the last tattoo on the base lines and disapted the first named match, as boldly to the front only to be cut down in their youth before crossing the Rubi-con (you are giving out, Tim; this isn't here the spent the night. When he had been going along well in tune by this time games which had been played with the last tattoo on the base lines and disapted to take charge of the practice himself. In the first named match, as boldly to the front only to be cut down in their youth before crossing the Rubi-con (you are giving out, Tim; this isn't here the spent the night. When he is the hold on first place to the enc. The part of the first named match, as boldly to the front only to be cut down in their youth before crossing the Rubi-con (you are giving out, Tim; this isn't here the spent the night. When he is the hold on his day's journey at 3 o'clock contest turned out to be fully worthy of the tarmhouse near La Plata, Mo., is the lift open through the quitting of Rawing and Fegan of last year's champion to take the Rubi-con (you are giving out, Tim; this isn't here the spent the first named match, as the load of the front only to be cut down the totake charge of the practice himself. No coach has been appointed to take the Rubi-con (you are giving out, Tim; this isn't here the spent the first named match, as the polarity of the fact that Haughton's been charged in the retaining in their youth before crossing the Rubi-con (you are giving out, Tim; this isn't here the spent the night. When he is the day of the frathen the polarity of the fact that Haughton's been charged over the house of Interior on (you are giving out, Tim; this isn't hear the polarity o Payson Weston, pedestrian, arrived ly centered in the first named match, as



and Spencer, and Printing Office one, Schreiber doing the trick. Lund and Landers had to adjourn a well contested without any compensation. game with little to choose between the positions. Thus Interior has a draw in hand, and has good chances of coming to the foot ball squad. This means that out a clear first in the competition, although, as before stated, there are possibilities to the contrary.

But one game in the Departmental and individual scores down to .500 per ularly at No. 4.

DIVISION A. Agriculture.

DIVISION B.

Interior vs. Government Printing

Agriculture vs. Bureau of Engraving.

TEAM STANDING. Division A.

Division B.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES. Division A.

W. Byler, Interior 71/2 B. Walker, Interior 71/2 r. Adair, War-Navy...... 61/2 Sournin, War-Navy 4 V. R. Pratt, Interior..... 8 C. Boykin, Interior..... 6 Division B.

. F. Lovell, Interior..... Schrieber, G. P. O..... 81 Stephenson, Agriculture. 7 Rutter, Agriculture.... 7½ Spencer, Interior..... 6½

Champion Lasker Coming.

Quite the most important event of the season in chess circles will be the forth- who have already proved their caliber. coming visit of World's Champion Emanuel Lasker to this city. The champion livery in a manner which is a credit to has written to the chess club announcing the nine and is pegging to bases achis visit to Washington some time during curately. As a battery working well to-April, the exact day to be fixed later. The entertainment to be given by Las- of a high school team, or any team for ker will take the form of the usual simultaneous exhibition, open to all comers at the customary fee of \$1, and it is expected that about thirty-five of the best lo al players will take the field against

ker, although his deadly accuracy at this extreme difficulty of getting a game from marks are registered. Of course it will him. In order, however, to encourage the players and to make the occasion still up with Tech without the services of more interesting the management of the these two players, but if the Blue and club has decided to offer a prize of \$5 to the first man who scores on the champion, and a further prize of \$2 for the first draw. All chess players in the Disare requested to communicate with the street northwest, and they are advised to Acton at first, for, aside from MacDonald, apply early so there will be no confusion he is the best player of this position in in assigning boards. The exact date of the school. the exhibition will be duly announced in

Three Weeks' Session Begins Today. The Coach in Doubt.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 28.-Harvard's foot ball squad will begin a threeweek session of spring practice this after- brace a little hard luck or a setback or ncon. The practice comes late this year two. Western High was patting itself in order that advantage may be taken on the back that the school was fortunate of whatever changes in the rules are decreed by the rules committee in its meet- but the blow has at last arrived. It was ings. It is the intention of the captain recently announced that two of this to try out the possibilities of the new year's nine would be unable to represent rules this spring and so save that much | time in the fall practice. If necessary the ful at the game of "hookey." squad will be called out for a short time boys should have realized the jeopardy after the Easter recess, which ends in which they were putting the chances April 24, but it is the present intention of the Red and White nine of making a to end the practice April 16.

twenty men, mostly centers and punters, ball competitions. has been reporting for voluntary work. This was under the direction of Henry Sprague, '11, one of the best punters now ness team this season, is displaying rare in college. None of the new men showed form as a twirler. Coach Peet and Capt. anything unusual in the kicking line, and Davis are well satisfied with his work on Harvard will have to wait until fall to the mound so far, and are hoping he has see what can be done. Felton of the the grit to last through the high school

ton's reluctance to coach, as he has already sacrificed two years to the team Withington withdrew from the varsity

crew last week in order to give his time he will not be able to row in the Annapolis race April 21, and it may possibly keep him out of the crew during the season. Up to this week he was rowing reg-

The practice during the first week will as soon as the men are hardened to the work. In the final week the squad will be divided and games will be played following out the possibilities of the new

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The Central High nine received a good piece of welcome news recently, when it was announced that Menefee, the most promising candidate for the backstop position, had successfully passed off the condition in one of his studies which has been keeping him out of the game for the past few weeks. He is a good man, and should have very little trouble regaining his best form, for he has had plenty of early season practice. Menefee caught for one of the independent teams around town during last summer, and soon developed into a most promising catcher. Under Coach Springman's tutoring he should rank with any of the high school catchers this spring. He is a brother of Gould Menefee, former Central High catcher, who is now working in this capacity on the Georgetown nine,

It has always been an acknowledged ter, but if he keeps up his present gait of lining them out he will lead the league hands down. In Wednesday's contest against Cathedral School he not only connected for four safe hits. but three were for two bases and one was for the third count. These are the kind of bingles that count, and all the Eastern backers are hoping he will have his batting eye present in the approaching high school series. Besides being a classy hitter, Leland is also, a clean fielder, and with these two good qualties combined he should prove a strong contender for the first base honors on the all-high team.

In spite of the fact that both Whitney, pitcher, and Outfielder Harrison are ineligible for the high school contests at present, Eastern is playing the boys in the practice games taken on by the school. There must be some hope of the players getting eligible, and if this is the case the southeast team can well be feared by the opposing high school nines. With Whitney and Ligon in the box the team has two well seasoned twirlers. Capt. Parker is also handling their degether has a lot to do with the success that matter, this is another reason why the Capitol Hill team should be reckoned by the early dopesters.

Reports from Central have it that Capt. MacDonald and Shortstop Thomas have be necessary for the Centralites to hook White team can come out on top in this fray it is a certainty that the team should be in the running with the absentees back in the game. If MacDonald passes it will afford the coach an op-portunity of using Acton in the box. Up to date he has been compelled to play

The high school nines have been taking advantage of the good weather during the Easter holidays and are putting in players are beginning to reach their stride, and it can easily be predicted that each team will show the good results of this hard work they are now experiencing daily.

It seems that every high school team must some time during the season emcandidates ruled out by the flunk rule, the school on the diamond this spring, owing to the fact they were not successgood showing. They have no one but themselves to blame if the boys across During the last week a squad of about the creek fall short in the coming base

Burley, a new candidate for the Bust-The B division contests brought out Interior against Government Printing Office, while Bureau of Engraving antagonized Agriculture. The interest naturally centered in the first named match, as upon its outcome depended the probabil-